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AND USE

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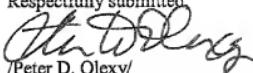
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Described in the specification (at pages 2,2 and 4, respectively)

- 1) JP2001-118558A (and its English abstract),
- 2) JP2002-216734A (and its English abstract), and
- 3) JP6-198146A (and its English abstract)

International Search Report:

- 1) JP2002-140215A (and its English abstract Category X),
- 2) JP11-207999A (and its English abstract Category A),
- 3) US2002-15299 A1(Category A),
- 4) JP6-224526A (and its English abstract Category A),
- 5) US6,302,934B1 (Category A), and
- 6) EP1022130A1 (Category A).

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